

THE SAN CARLOS APACHE TRIBE

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San Carlos Police Department Recognized for DUI Enforcement Achievements

On May 11th the San Carlos Police Department received the Governor's Award for Tribal Nations at the 3rd Annual Statewide Law Enforcement Recognition Dinner. The event was hosted by the Governor's Office of Highway Safety and the Arizona chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving. The award was in recognition of an Arizona Tribal Nation who has worked towards raising awareness, decreasing alcohol-related fatalities and made an outstanding contribution to the anti-drinking/driving movement and highway safety.

Specifically, The San Carlos Apache Motor Vehicle Injury Prevention (MVIP) Program, within the San Carlos Police Department, worked to reduce motor vehicle related injuries and fatalities by reducing alcohol-impaired driving. The Program conducted sobriety checkpoints and implemented a comprehensive media campaign in 2005 and 2006.

The impact of the MVIP Program's industrious efforts is impressive. From 2005 through 2006 they observed a 33% increase in DUI arrests, a 20% reduction in crashes with injuries and/or fatalities, a 33% reduction in nighttime crashes, and a 27% reduction in overall crashes. There were 1,104 DUI arrests and 21 sobriety checkpoints, which stopped 7,536 vehicles.

The MVIP Program had the privilege of presenting this information during a presentation and a poster session at *Lifesavers – The National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities*, in March 2007. Christine Reede, Coordinator, MVIP Program, gave the presentations.

Ms. Reede received an honorable mention for *Outstanding DUI Task Force – Individual* at the May 11th awards banquet. Honorable mention for *Outstanding Police Officer – Rural* was given to San Carlos Police Officer Anthony Tewawina. The San Carlos Police Department's DUI Task Force received an honorable mention for *Outstanding DUI Task Force – Unit*. These three awards recognized dedicated, responsible, professional behavior, ingenuity, bravery, special skills or assistance during a unique situation that helped save a life, or produced a significant contribution, event, or program, to reducing the potential for tragedies on the road.

The MVIP Program continues operations today and reminds folks not to drink and drive. If you do drink, use a sober designated driver.

Need more information? Call the Motor Vehicle Injury Prevention Program at 475-2338.



MADD and GOHS Awards Dinner on May 11, 2007

(L-R, Gordon Tsatoke, I.H.S., Stephen Piontkowski, I.H.S., Sgt. Anthony Phillips, Chief of Police Alejandro Benally, Police Captain Angelena B. Johnson, and Bylas Councilmen Jonathan Kitcheyan)



2007 National Lifesavers Conference in Chicago, IL

(L-R, Officer Anthony Tewawina, Angelena B. Johnson, Alejandro Benally, and Christine Reede MVIP Coordinator)



Anthony Tewawina and Christine Reede, presenting “The Journey to Reduce Motor Vehicle Crash Injuries on the San Carlos Apache Reservation” at the poster session during the 2007 Lifesavers Conference